a tendon extending through said casing and attached to a link in said second link assembly, wherein said tendon is attached to said articulated link in said second link assembly on one side of

said pivot joint.

31. (New) A device for applying a force between first and second portions of a hand, one

of said portions being a phalanx, said device comprising:

first and second link assemblies associated with said first and second portions, respectively,

each link assembly comprising:

a. a supporting section secured in position on a portion, each supporting section

being a supporting link; and

b. an articulated link attached through a joint to each of said supporting links;

wherein said articulated links of said first and second link assemblies are attached to each other

through a pivot joint, with said articulated link of said first assembly extending beyond said pivot

point;

a casing attached to a link in said first link assembly;

a tendon extending through said casing and attached to a link in said second link assembly,

wherein said tendon is attached to said articulated link in said second assembly on one side of said

pivot joint.--

**REMARKS** 

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment pursuant to Rule 115. No new matter has been

added.

Respectfully submitted,

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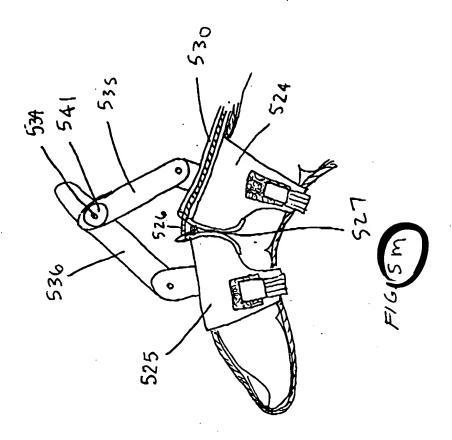
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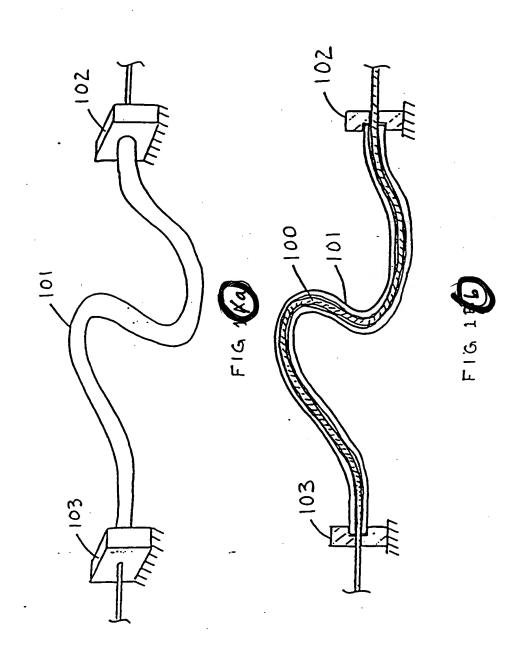
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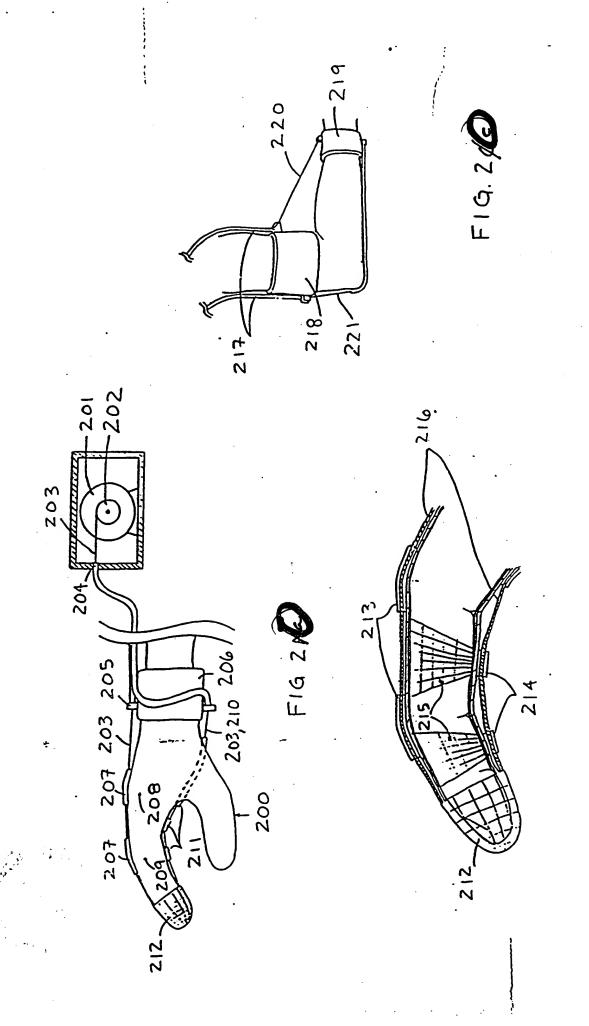


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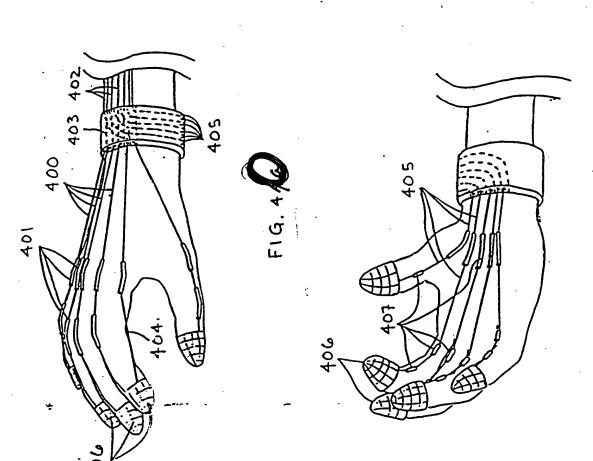
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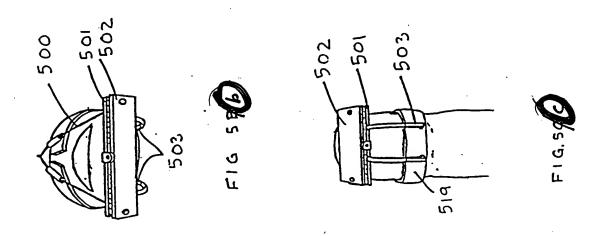


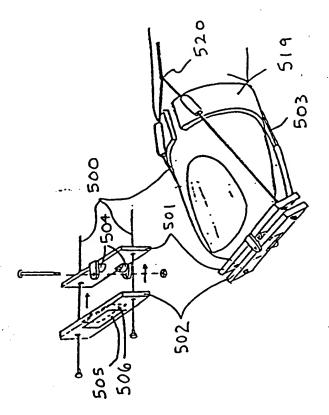


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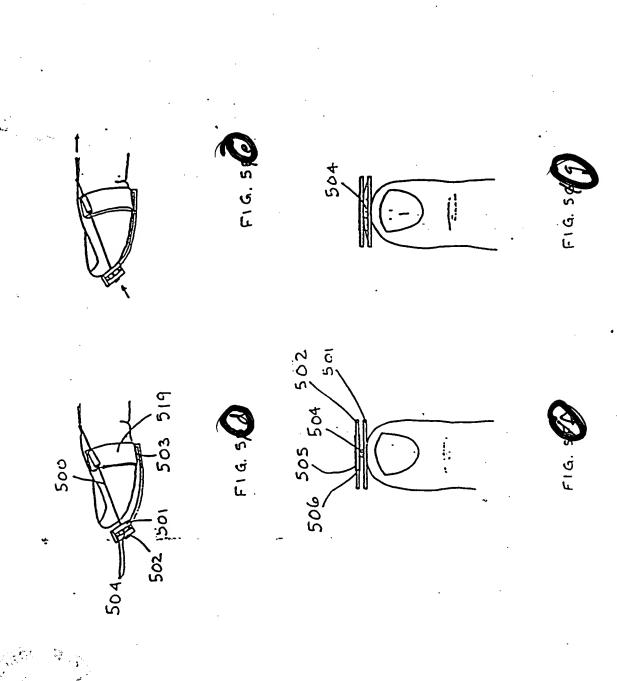


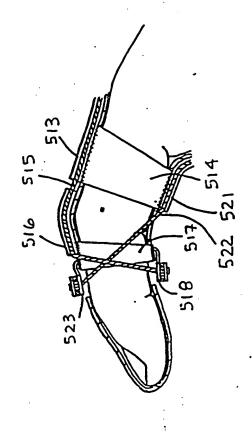
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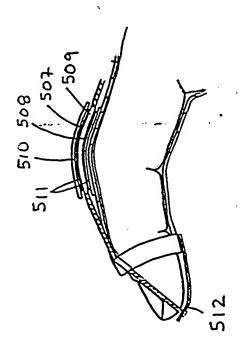


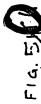
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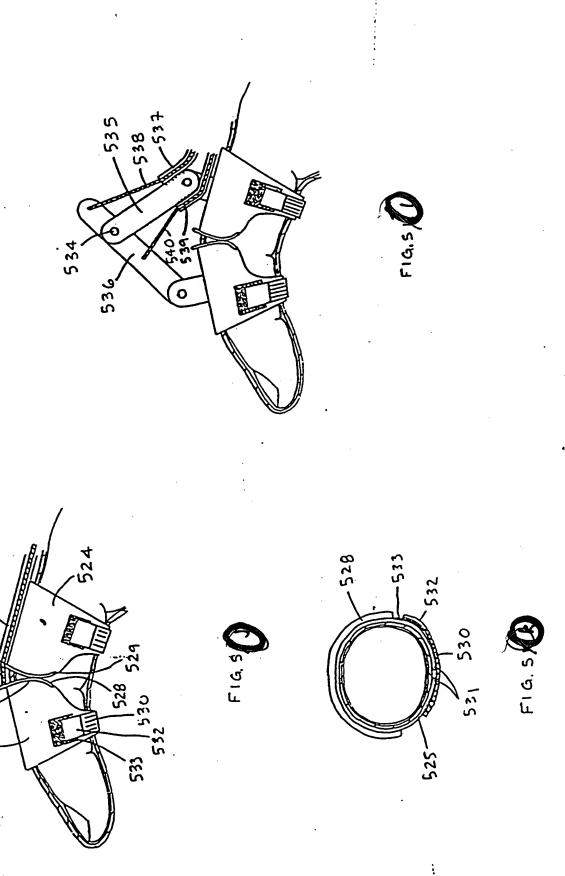




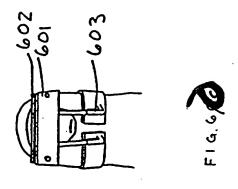


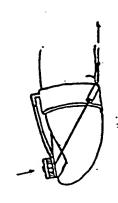


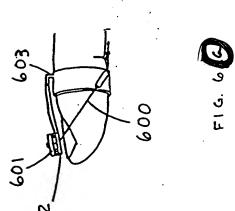


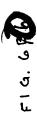


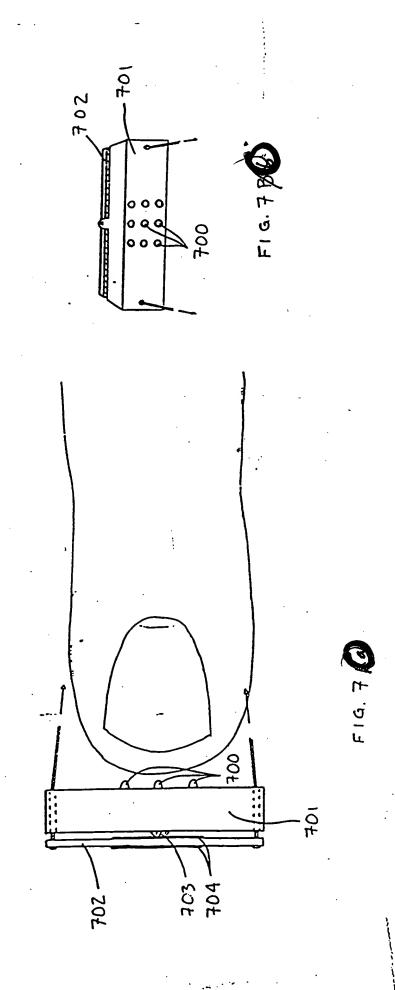
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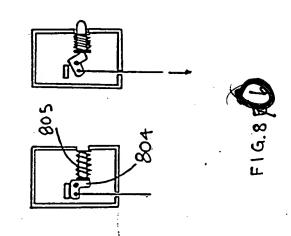


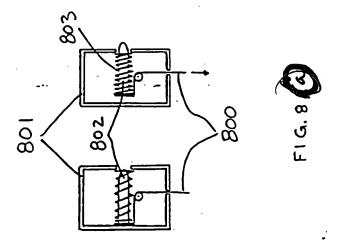


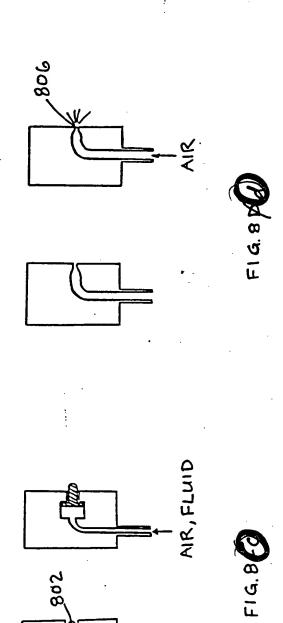


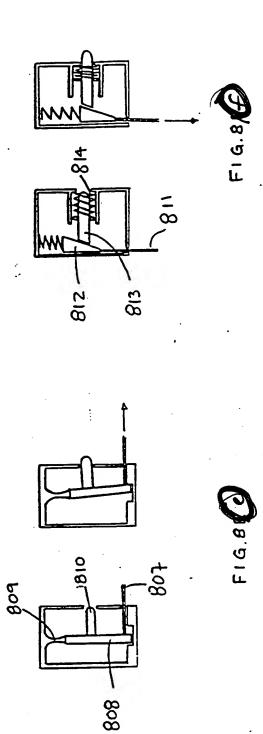


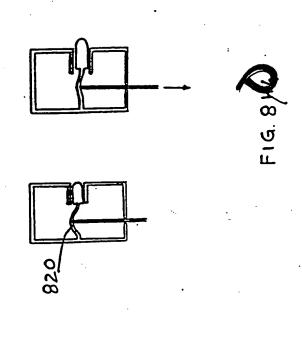


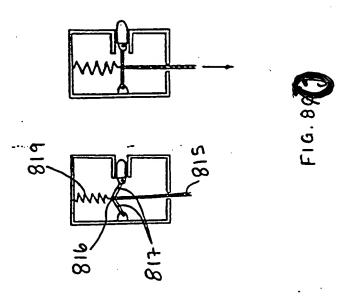


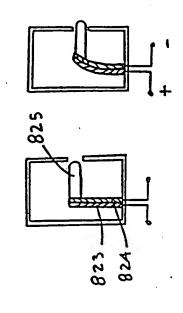


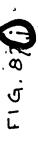


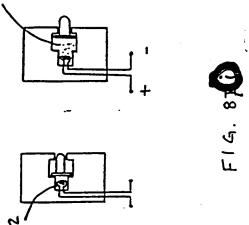


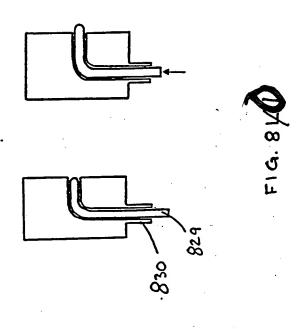


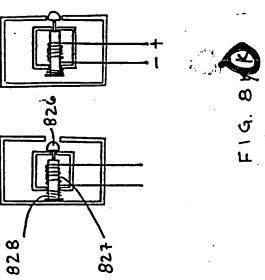


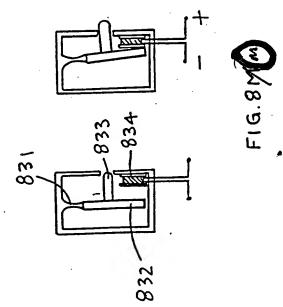


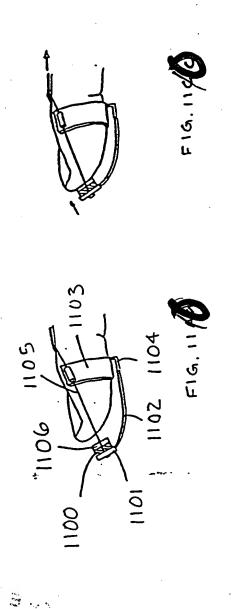


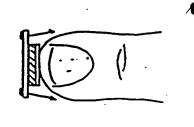




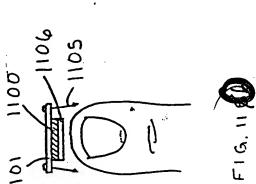




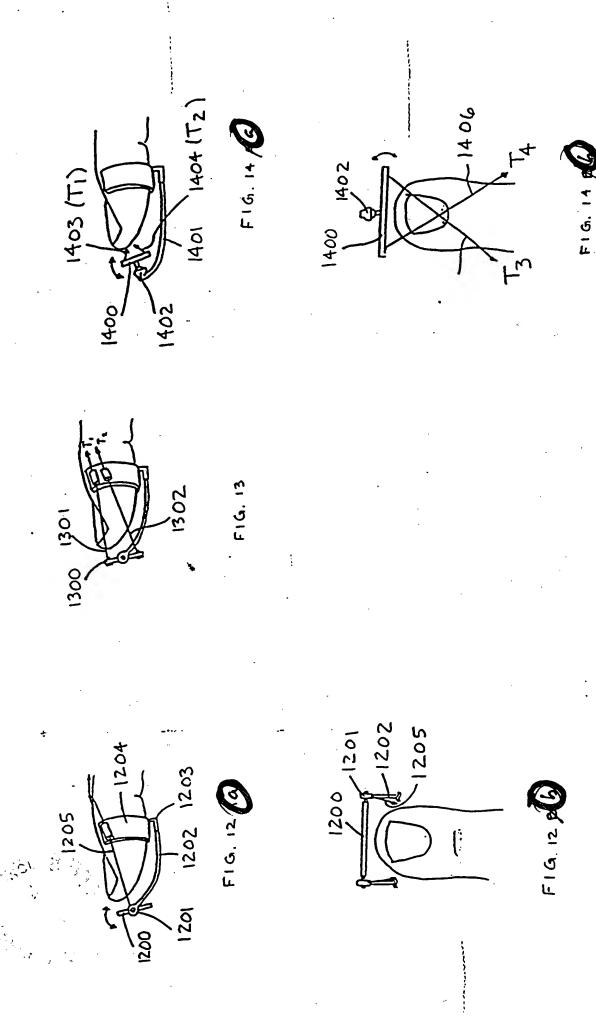


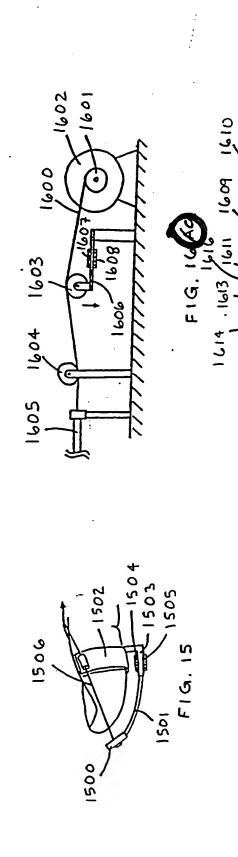


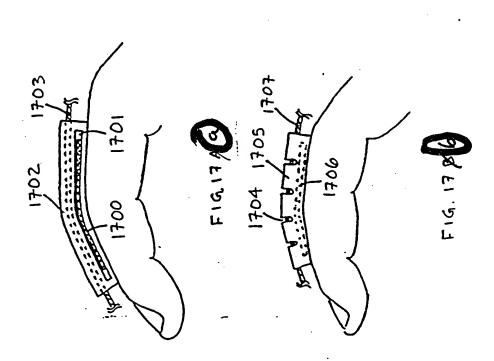
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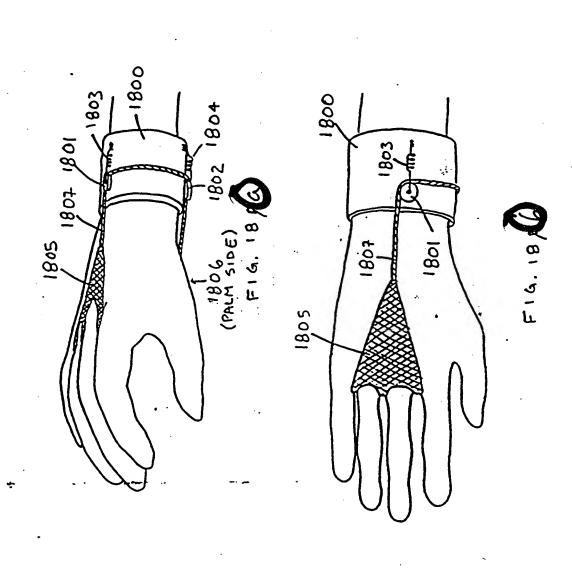




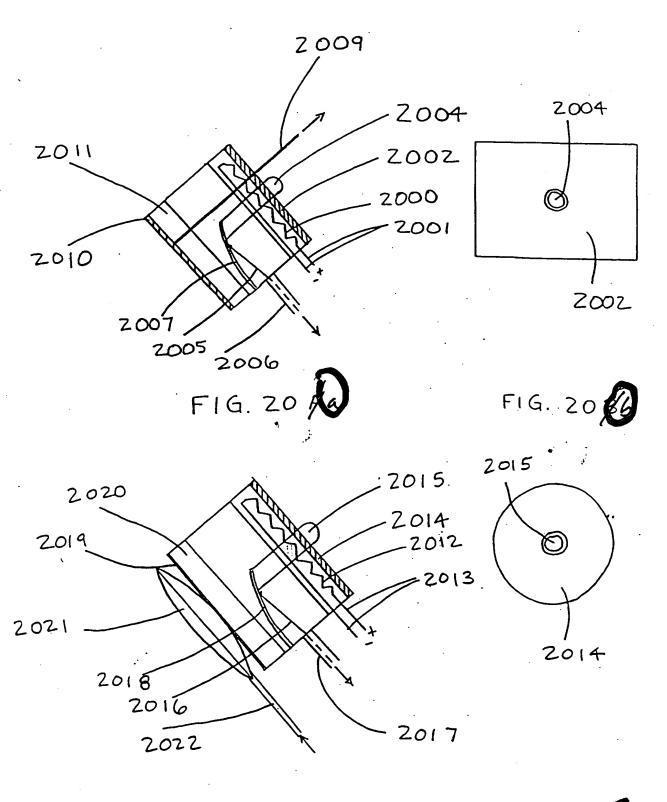








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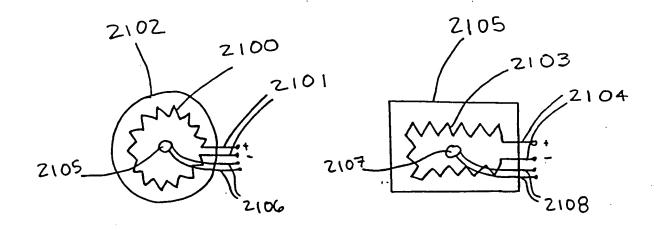
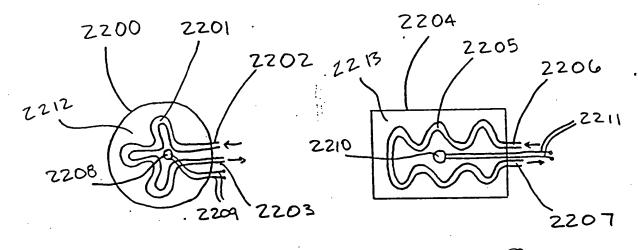


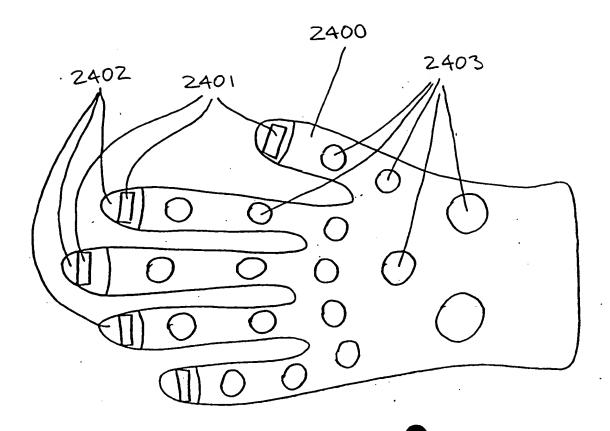
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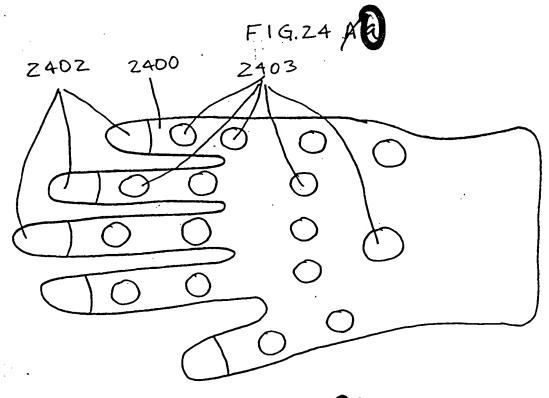
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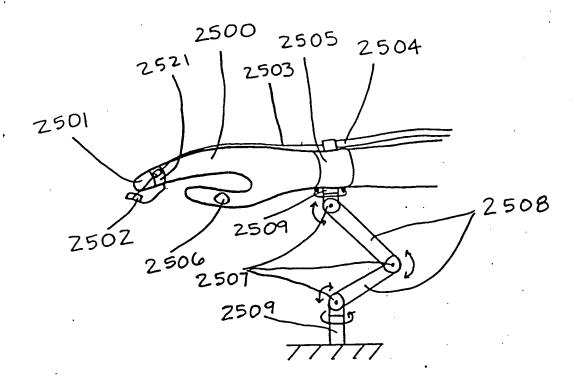
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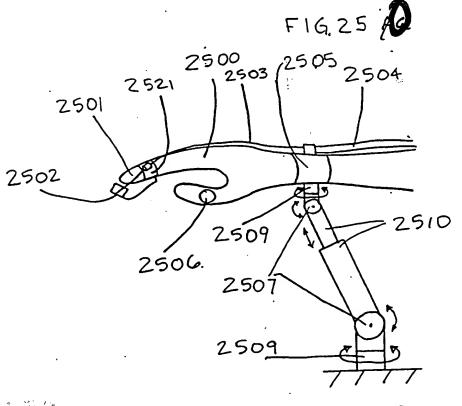
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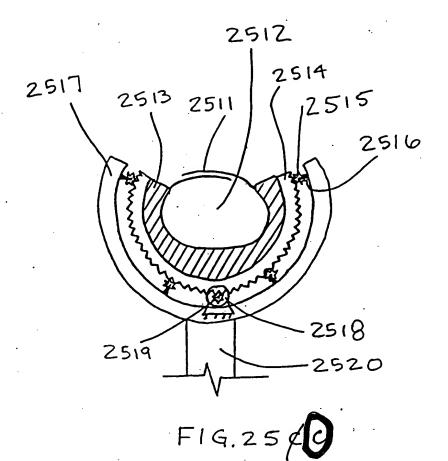


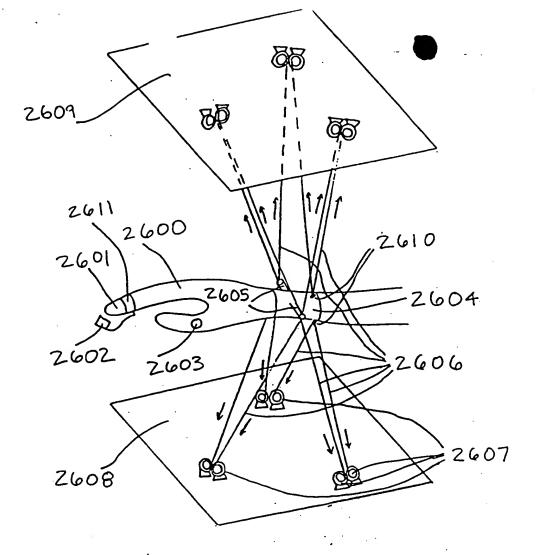
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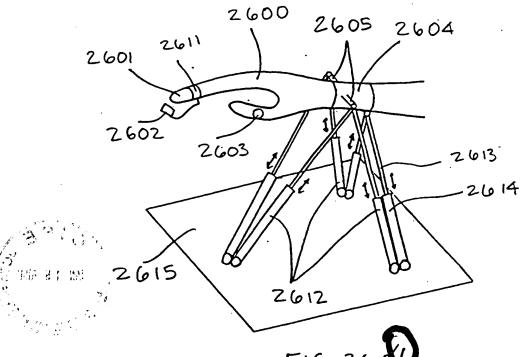
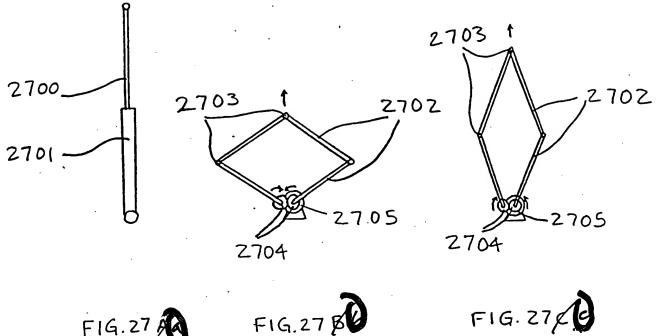


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